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GULF WAR ERA

- **Defined:** A term developed for the purposes of VA's Gulf War reporting initiative which represents a period of time synonymous with the Persian Gulf War period of service.
- **Persian Gulf War:** A period of war defined by Title 38, CFR, Section 3.2(i) based upon active military service from August 2, 1990, through date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law.
- **Two distinct periods: Pre-9/11 and Post-9/11**
 - Pre-9/11 (August 2, 1990 to September 10, 2001)
 - Post-9/11 (September 11, 2001 through date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law)

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INSIGHT

Purpose: To provide comprehensive statistics on the utilization of VA benefits and healthcare services by Gulf War Era Veterans

Objective: To report meaningful and accurate integrated data regarding the utilization of VA benefits and healthcare services by Gulf War Era Veterans

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REDESIGNED APPROACH

➤ **Characteristics**

- Data: Accurate, consistent, and meaningful
- Report: Integrated; scalable; recurring; and veteran-centric

➤ **Utilization of a multi-disciplinary Integrated Project Team (IPT)**

- Effort led by OPP; staffed by multiple VA organizations
- Multiple program areas involved: benefits, healthcare, policy, data etc.
- Combat Gulf War veteran membership

➤ **Establishment of a new data structure**

- Deployment, operation, and exposure-based data buckets
- Gulf War phases: Deployment, Combat Operations, Stabilization

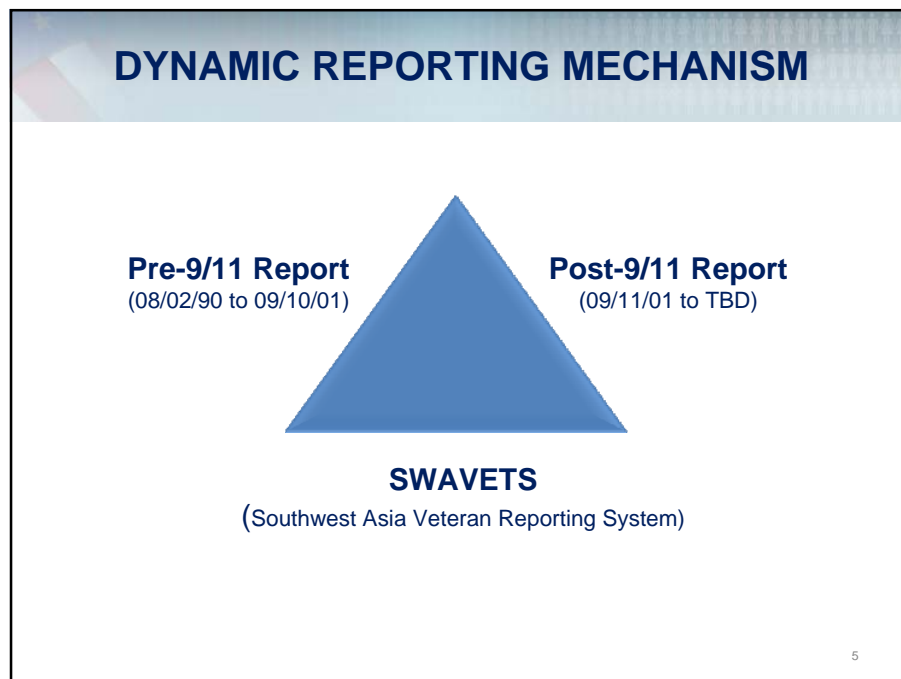
➤ **Development of a new data system**

- Enhances statistical linkages between VA and DoD data
- Diagnostic codes (benefits) and ICD-9 codes (health)

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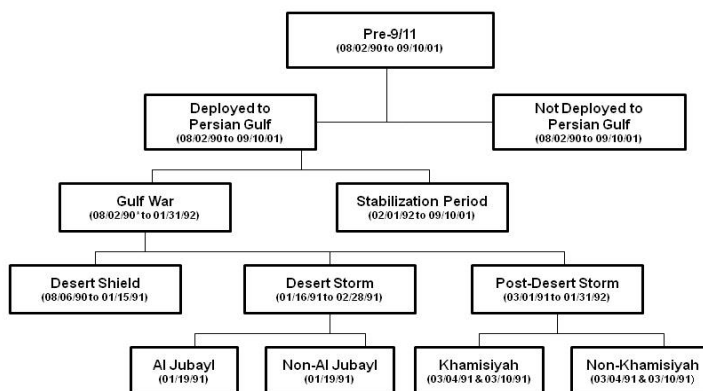
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DoD PRE-9/11 POPULATION DATA

- **6.5 million on active duty from 8/2/90 to 9/10/01**
- **1.1 million deployed to Persian Gulf region**
- **763,337 participated in one or more of the following:**
 - Operation Desert Shield (529K)
 - Operation Desert Storm (581K)
 - Post-Desert Storm (679K)
- **Exposure Events:**
 - Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia (1,334 personnel during Desert Storm)
 - Khamisiyah, Iraq (145,456 personnel during Post-Desert Storm)

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PRE-9/11 REPORT COHORT STRUCTURE

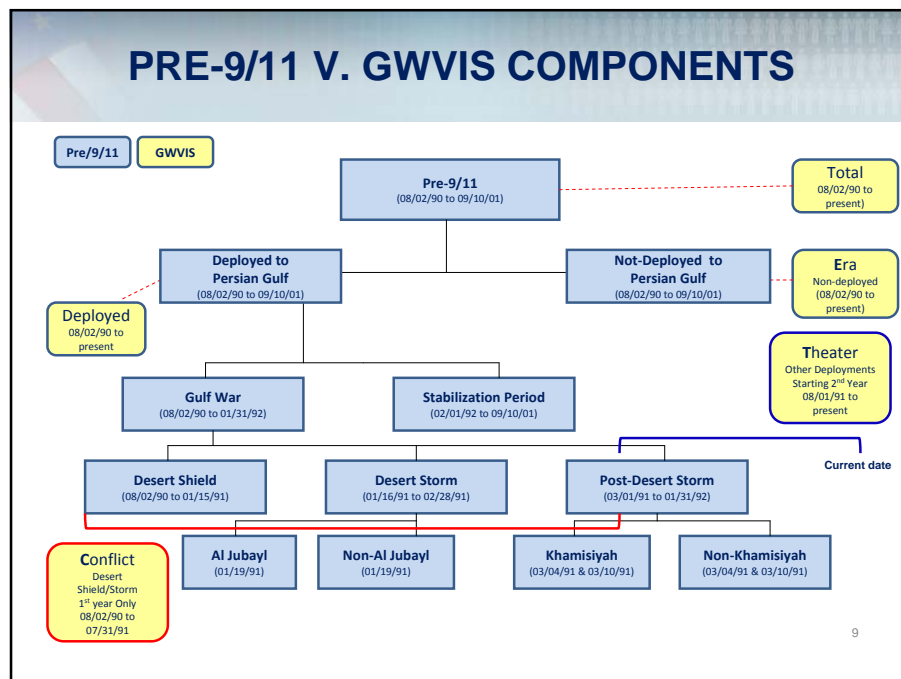


*The start date for the Gulf War period of service as outlined in Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §3.2(i).

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PRE-9/11 GULF WAR ERA COHORT OVERLAP

	DESERT SHIELD (08/02/90 to 01/15/91)	DESERT STORM (01/16/91 to 02/28/91)	POST-DESERT STORM (03/01/91 to 01/31/92)	STABILIZATION PERIOD (02/01/92 to 09/10/01)
DMDC Totals	529,034	581,683	679,244	492,611
Desert Shield Personnel	529,034	488,191	454,213	44,190
	100%	84%	67%	9%
Desert Storm Personnel		581,683	543,398	50,600
		100%	80%	10%
Post-Desert Storm Personnel			679,244	126,428
			100%	26%

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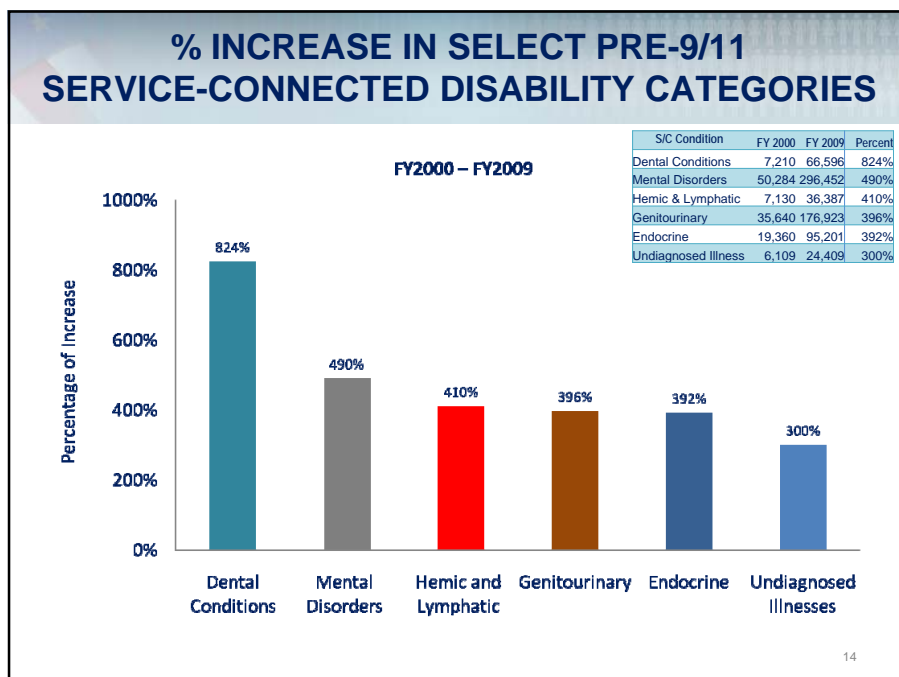
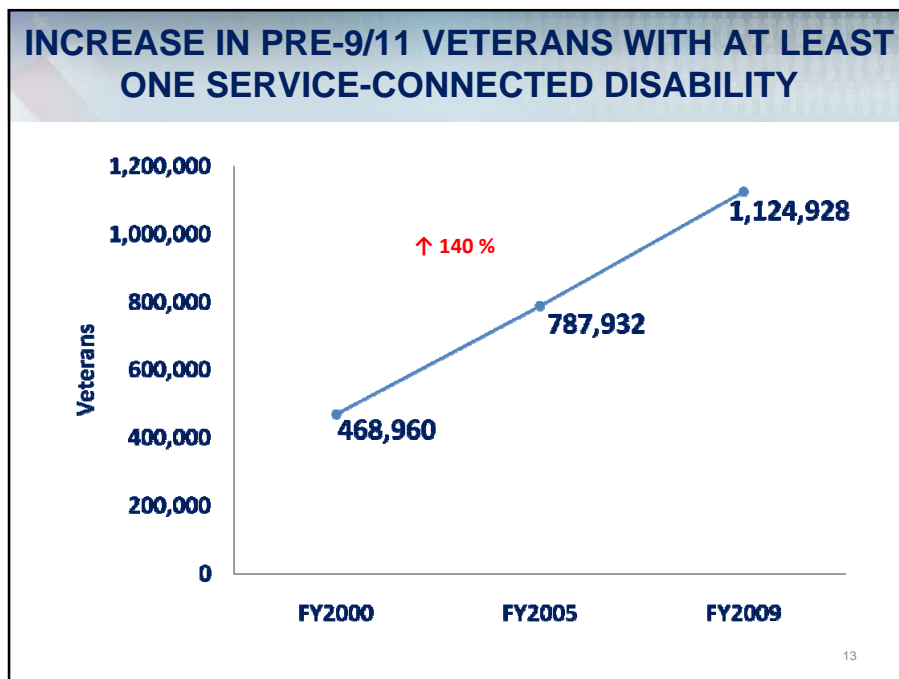
VA BENEFITS DATA

- 17 percent of all Pre-9/11 Veterans were service-connected for at least one condition in FY2009.
- For Pre-9/11 Veterans receiving compensation benefits, the 80 percent and 90 percent combined disability evaluations incurred the highest increases between FY2000 and FY2009.
- Less than one percent of the living Pre-9/11 Veterans were drawing NSC pension benefits in FY2009.

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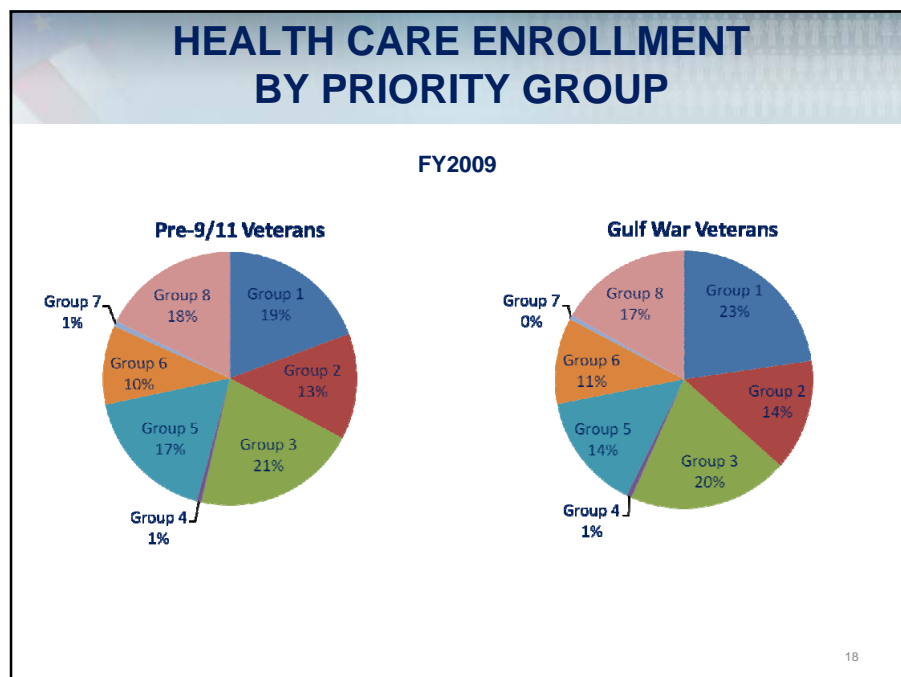
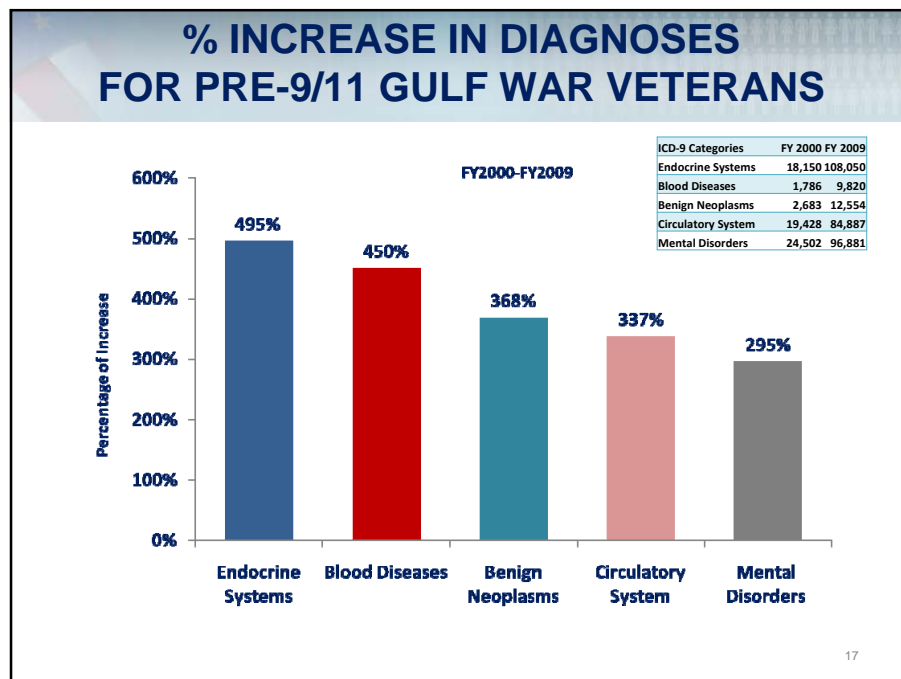
VA HEALTHCARE DATA

- The number of Pre-9/11 Veterans seeking inpatient and outpatient healthcare treatment and associated encounters soared from FY2000 to FY2009.
- As of FY2009, over 30 percent of all Pre-9/11 Veterans were identified in one of VA's healthcare enrollment priority groups.
- There was a 209 percent increase in Pre-9/11 Veterans' enrollment and a 318 percent increase in associated encounters between FY2000 and FY2009.

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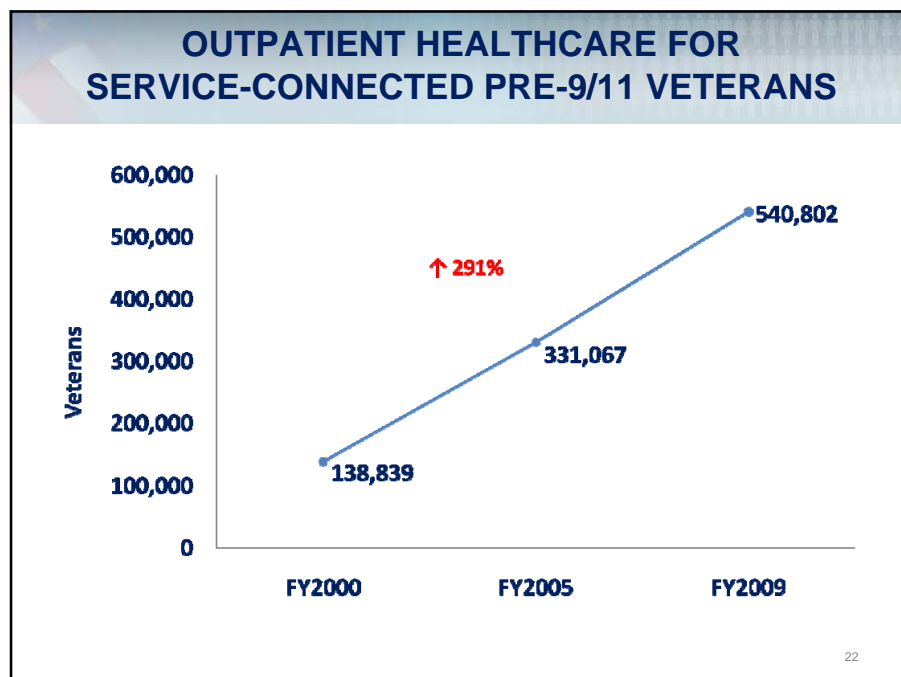
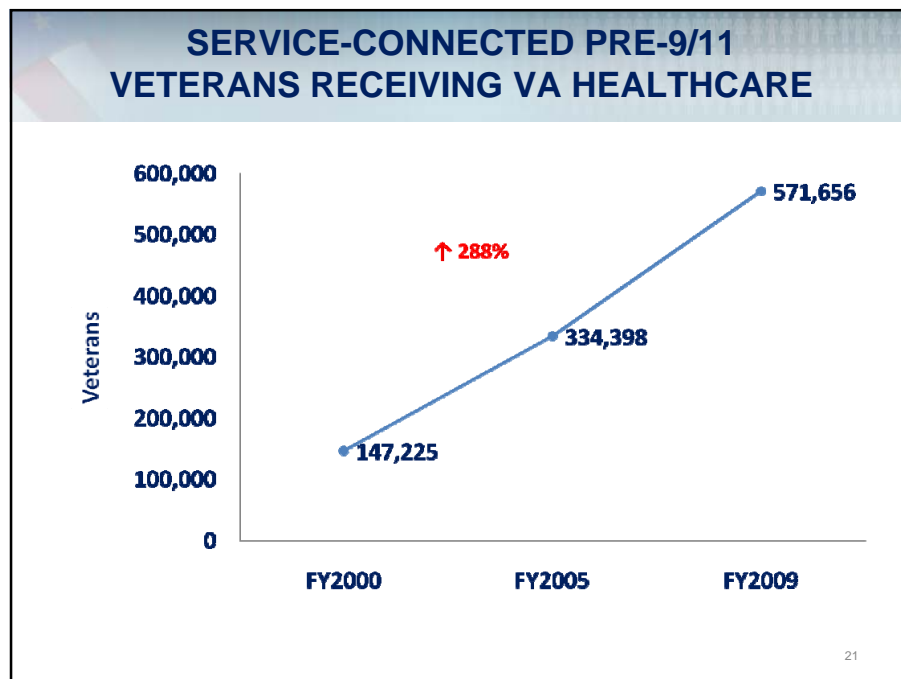
INTEGRATED BENEFITS AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES DATA

- Between FY2000 and FY2009, the number of service-connected Pre-9/11 Veterans receiving healthcare increased nearly threefold.
- There was a 79 percent increase in the overall average of unique Pre-9/11 Veteran healthcare encounters from FY2000 to FY2009 for all healthcare categories.
- Of the Pre-9/11 service-connected Veterans who received healthcare treatment in FY2009, 17 percent were female and 83 percent were male.

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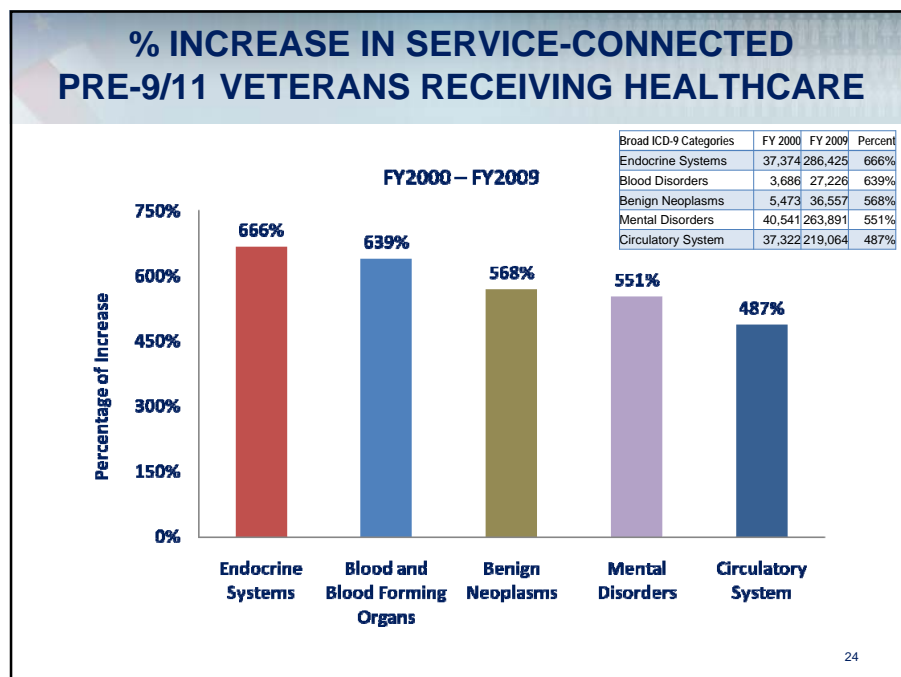
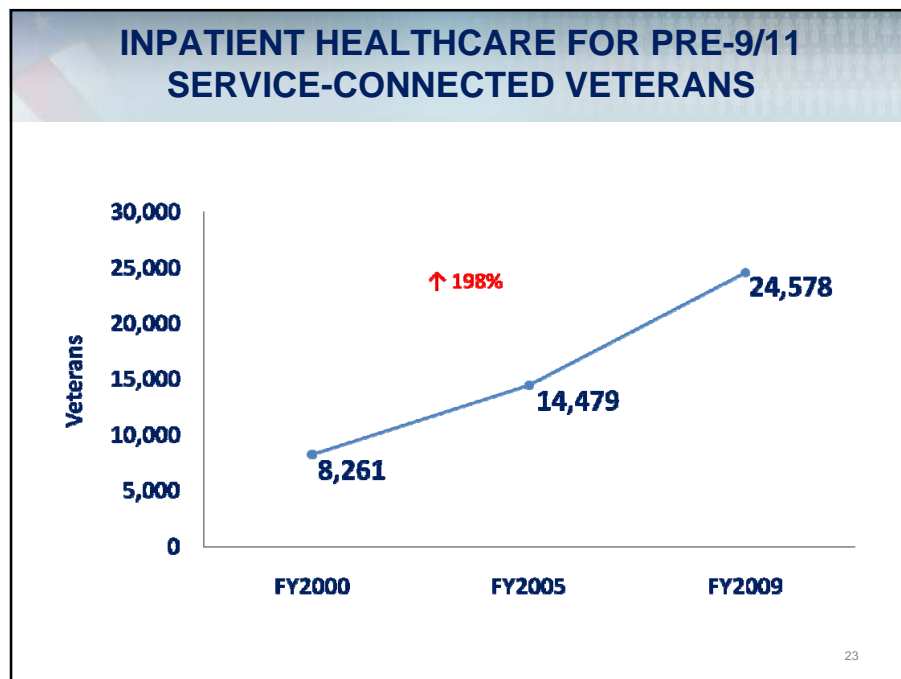
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THE WAY AHEAD

- **Pre-9/11 Report (08/02/1990 to 09/10/2001)**
 - ❖ Initial report released February 2011
 - ❖ Updated annual reports to follow
- **Post-9/11 Report (09/11/2001 to TBD)**
 - ❖ Initial report due approximately February 2012
 - ❖ Addresses major operations to include Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and Noble Eagle
 - ❖ Key exposure events
- **Southwest Asia Veterans System (SWAVETS)**
 - ❖ Post-9/11 data to be added to existing Pre-9/11 data
 - ❖ Integrated reporting (benefits, healthcare, DoD)
 - ❖ Data for additional reporting needs

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